

(Draft – Awaiting Formal Approval)  
**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – 2:30 p.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Chair  
Rep. Johnny Anderson, House Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Spencer J. Cox  
Rep. Janice M. Fisher  
Rep. Gage Froerer  
Rep. Don L. Ipson

Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

**Members Absent:**

Rep. John Knotwell  
Rep. Daniel McCay

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Van Tassell moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams and Rep. Ipson were absent for the vote.

**2. Utah Transit Authority: Condition and Funding**

Mr. Bruce Jones, General Counsel, Utah Transit Authority, concluded the presentation begun by Mr. H. David Burton, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), at the June 19, 2013, meeting, "UTA Presentation to the Transportation Interim Committee." Mr. Jones discussed UTA's current and projected rail line construction projects. He also addressed the need for additional funding to operate the new rail lines and to begin future projects.

Mr. Jones responded to questions and comments from committee members about how riders are counted and how routes are determined.

Sen. Mayne stated that there is a significant need for buses within communities and not just on the main roads.

Rep. Fisher responded to UTA's request for additional funding by sharing the views of constituents who have expressed concern over UTA's management of current funding.

Mr. Jones concluded the presentation with an overview of the future of transit for an increasing Utah population and the reintegration of bus service where needed most.

**3. Overview: 2003-04 Transportation Planning Task Force**

Ms. Halverson referenced "Overview: 2003-04 Transportation Planning Task Force," which was distributed in the mailing packet, during her review of findings and recommendations made in the 2003 and 2004 Transportation Planning Task Force Reports to the Transportation Interim Committee.

Sen. Adams noted that a significant outcome of the Transportation Funding Task Force was seeing the positive impact that investing in the maintenance and improvement of transportation infrastructure has had on the state's economic growth and quality of life.

#### **4. Report: Towing – Laws, Rules, and Maximum Rates**

Mr. Chad Sheppick, Director, Motor Carrier Division, Utah Department of Transportation, distributed and summarized "Report of Tow Truck Service Rates As Required Under Utah Code §72-9-603(8) Utah Department of Transportation."

#### **5. Other Items/Adjourn**

Ms. Claire Geddes, citizen, offered public comment regarding grievances against UTA.

Sen. Van Tassell noted the valuable contributions made by UTA to alleviate congestion on Utah's limited roadways. He asked Ms. Geddes to prioritize the items she would like to see addressed and send that information to him.

Ms. Geddes agreed to Sen. Van Tassell's request.

**MOTION:** Rep. Anderegg moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Fisher was absent for the vote.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.